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For: COMPLIANT OSTEOSYNTHESIS FIXATION PLATE

AMENDMENT IN RCE REPLY TO SIXTH AND FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action dated August 5, 2009, the Advisory Actions dated October 23, 2009 and January 25, 2010; and further in regard to Applicant's Notice of Appeal dated January 5, 2010,

- (1) please disregard and do not enter Applicant's after-final responses dated October 5, 2009 and January 5, 2010; and
- (2) please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Applicant provides **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper. Specific changes are indicated by underscoring of text additions, and by ~~[[double bracketing]]~~ or by ~~strikethrough~~ of text deletions.

Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Concurrent with this response, Applicants are tendering the fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), at the small entity rate. Applicant believes that the amount tendered is correct, and that no further fee is due in connection with this reply. If this turns out to be erroneous, the Finance Division is authorized to debit or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1020 in the amount of the deficiency or excess payment.